Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Monday, October 11, 2010, the state of South Dakota will celebrate Native Americans' Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota established Native Americans' Day during the 1989 state legislative session under the direction of the late Governor George S. Mickelson who signed a resolution calling for the second Monday of each October to be Native Americans' Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has nine federally recognized Native American tribes: Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux, Flandreau Santee Sioux, Lower Brule Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux, and Yankton Sioux; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has the third highest population of Native Americans of any state, behind Alaska and New Mexico; and,

Whereas, The year 2010 has officially been declared "A Year of Unity" in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Year of Reconciliation in South Dakota, which was announced in 1990 by the late Governor George S. Mickelson:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2010, as

NATIVE AMERICANS' DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State